

Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami's

SRI VRAJA-VILASA-STAVA

Prayers Glorifying the Lord's Pastimes in Vraja

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Dedication

*stavam vraja-vilasam sri-
raghunathanuvaditam
gurave prabhupadaya
gauravenarpayamy aham*

I respectfully dedicate this translation of Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami's *Sri Vraja-vilasa-stava* to my spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

TEXT 1

The highwaymen lust, greed, and anger have captured me and bound me with the ropes of the desire for fame. I pray that the heroic devotees of Lord Krsna, the enemy of the Agha demon, may defeat my captors and cut the rope that bind me.

TEXT 2

I am scorched by the blazing forest fire of old age, deeply bitten by the poisonous snake of blindness, pierced by the sharp arrows of forced dependence on others, and surrounded by the lions of anger, lust, and greed. O Lord Krsna, please give me the nectarean potion of pure love for You, which will make me strong and heroic enough to resist all the enemies and constantly engage in Your devotional service without deviation.

TEXT 3

By tasting a single drop of the memory of the transcendental nectar ocean of the sweetness of the divine couple my heart has become restless. I bow down before the land and people of Vraja. I yearn to see my two masters.

TEXT 4

The disembodied demigod cupid, who attained a body by continually tasting the nectar of the sight of the divine couple, eternally illuminated this entire land of Vraja with a jubilant festival of Lord Krsna's transcendental amorous pastimes. When shall I lovingly gaze on

Sri Sri Gandharva-Giridhari (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna), the crowning garlands of all charming couples?

TEXT 5

The city of Dvaraka, where the brother and sons of the Lord reside, and where the Lord enjoys transcendental pastimes with a great multitude of queens, each eclipsing many hundreds of goddesses of fortune, is dearer even than Vaikuntha. Because it is the place of Lord Krsna's birth, Mathura, the abode of transcendental love, is even more dear than Dvaraka. Within the district of Mathura, the land of Sri Vraja is splendidly manifest. I eternally worship the land of Mathura.

TEXT 6

Even today affectionate Lord Krsna enjoys the very sweet nectar of transcendental pastimes there, herding the cows with His brother and His many dear friends. A wonderful sweetness becomes manifest in the hearts of they who understand the nectar of this place. Of Vraja, which is more dear even than the city of Mathura, I take shelter.

TEXT 7

Surrounded by their witty *gopi* friends, the youthful divine couple enjoys many kinds of transcendental pastimes within the groves and mountain caves and among the blossoming vines of Vrndavana forest. I worship Vrndavana forest, which is delightful with the scent of Their lotus feet.

TEXT 8

In Vrndavana is the town of Nandisvara, where the goddess of fortune always walks, there the great mystic perfections are eternally present, where the cows are protected, where the people of Vraja live, and where Lord Krsna happily enjoys transcendental pastimes under the loving protection of His parents. I worship this town of Nandisvara, the home of the king of Vraja and the most important part of the land of Vraja

TEXT 9

To celebrate his son's birth, the king of Gokula respectfully gave in charity to the *brahmanas* palatable foods, nectar beverages, and transcendental cows decorated with many jewels. Day after day he satisfied the *brahmanas* with these valuable presentations, and he repeatedly begged for their blessings on his infant boy. I worship the king of Gokula, who is always absorbed in thoughts of his son.

TEXT 10

May the queen of Vraja, whose breasts continually trickle milk out of maternal love for her son, who is prepared to give her life many millions of times to protect Him from even a single drop of perspiration, and who is so attached to Him that if for a moment she cannot see Him she cries like a cow frightened for her new born calf, protect us.

TEXT 11

Because of her own son Balarama's intimate friendship with Him, Rohini-devi showers her love upon Lord Krsna. She is an expert cook, and she delights the king and queen of Vraja with her sincere friendship and saintly qualities.

TEXT 12

The splendour of Lord Balarama's transcendental form eclipses many millions of glistening moons, and the slightest scent of His boundless strength is sufficient to destroy many armies of demons. Although He knows the supernatural power of His younger brother, Krsna, still, out of love for Him, He never leaves Him alone in the forest for even a moment. I offer my prayers to Lord Balarama, the enemy of Denukasura.

TEXT 13

Speaking with a voice that seems to mock the roaring of hundreds of thousands of thunderclouds, Parjanya Maharaja expresses his pride in having such a wonderful grandson. I offer my respectful obeisances to Parjanya, Krsna's grandfather, who is expert at delighting his grandson by speaking into His ear many joking words.

TEXT 14

I offer my respectful obeisances to Variyasi-devi, Krsna's grandmother. With merry joking words she worships Sri Krsna, calling Him the moon of grandsons. Happy and proud of her grandson, her feet no longer touch the ground when she walks.

TEXT 15

His face handsome with a great white beard, and his complexion dark, pious Upananda is the respected prime minister in the council chambers of the king of Vraja. Considering Him millions of times more dear than his own life, Upananda delights his nephew Krsna. I pray that Upananda may always stay in the government council and protect the land of Vraja.

TEXT 16

Nanda Maharaja's younger brother Sannanda is very gentle, affectionate, and generous. His complexion is fair and his beard black. He is very devoted to his elder brother, and he is the

father of Sunanda-gopi. He please Krsna by giving Him palatable dishes made with buffalo yoghurt. He worships Krsna with ever breath. May Lord Krsna's uncle Sannanda, the master of a great herd of buffalo, always protect us.

TEXT 17

Upananda's son Subhadra is dark complexioned, youthful, handsome, and intelligent. He is the best of astrologers. With his vast scholarship he has defeated even Brhaspati. He stays at the left hand of the king of Vraja. With good advice he protects Lord Krsna, who is millions of times more dear to him than his own life. With great pleasure let us glorify and offer our respectful obeisances to Subhadra.

TEXT 18

Frightened that delicate Krsna may be hurt by the demons, Ambika performed severe austerities for many days to please the goddess Durga, who granted her a boon that her son Vijaya would become a powerful hero able to kill many demons. May Ambika, Lord Krsna's nurse, protect us.

TEXT 19

Saying "Where are the demons? With ease I shall shorten their lives," Vijaya calls so loudly his words are heard in millions of spiritual universes. Out of maternal affection for Krsna, Ambika instructed her son Vijaya to always stay near child Krsna and protect Him from the demons. I worship Vraja, the son of Krsna's nurse.

TEXT 20

Bhaguri Muni, the learned chief priest of Vraja-pura, is the personification of all *Vedas*. Every day he chants *mantras* for the protection of each of Krsna's limbs. Every day he smells Krsna's head. Every day he offers Krsna many benedictions. I bow down and offer my respectful obeisances to Bhaguri Muni, the best of sages.

TEXT 21

Sridama is the most expert and clever of the cowherd boys, and he is the abode of intense love for Lord Krsna. His complexion is dark, and is he proud that his qualities, age, clothing and handsome features closely resemble those of Lord Krsna. If for a single moment he cannot see his friend Krsna, he trembles with anxiety. I completely take shelter of Sridama, the constant companion of Lord Krsna.

TEXT 22

Filled with deep love for Him, and anxious that they may be separated, Subala never, even in dream, lets go of the hand of Sri Krsna, the moon of Gokula. Subala's heart is sprinkled by the waters of the swiftly moving mountain stream of devotion to Srimati Radhika. I

offer my respectful obeisances to Subala, whose body trembles with love for Sri Sri Radha-Krsna.

TEXT 23

Assembling the *surabhi* cows in one place, hand in hand Krsna's friends play and joke. For them the ocean of pure love has washed away the mud of awe and reverence in Krsna's presence. Let us take shelter of these boys, whose hearts, lives, and property are all places as an offering at Lord Krsna's lotus feet.

TEXT 24

The personified mellows of comedy, pure-hearted, eternally hungry, jubilant and splendid Madhumangala daily induces the laughter of his two friends (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna) with a host of comic speeches and gestures. With great devotion let us at once bow down to offer our respects to Madhumangala, the joking friend of Lord Krsna, the moon of Vrndavana.

TEXT 25

Accompanied by an expert friend, Purnamasi daily arranges the secret rendezvous of expert Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. I worship noble and auspicious Purnamasi, who at every moment tastes the nectar happiness of seeing the pastimes of the divine couple.

TEXT 26

Noble, generous, learned, intelligent, fair complexioned, highly born, fifty-year old King Vrsabhanu wears a neatly clipped beard. He is the close friend of Nanda, the king of Vraja. To him Sri Radha is dearer even than his eldest child, Sridhama. I constantly worship famous King Vrsabhanu.

TEXT 27

Her mind overwhelmed with a flood of love, Kirtida-devi daily sends her two unmarried daughters to diligently gather all news of Srimati Radharani's recent auspicious activities. May Kirtida-devi, the mother of Srimati Radharani, protect us all.

TEXT 28

Angrily and deviously placing many obstacles to stop Their amorous pastimes, Mukhara-devi only increases the transcendental happiness of her two young grandchildren, Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. I respectfully bow down before elderly Mukhara-devi, and I place her lotus feet upon my head.

TEXT 29

Flooded with nectar of intense love for her two friends (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna), who are more dear to her than her own life, affectionately arrogant in Their presence, and daily arranging for Their rendezvous, Lalita-devi expertly teaches her friend Radha the art of jealous anger. I pray Lalita-devi will one day accept me as one of her associates.

TEXT 30

Visakha-devi is the place where the youthful divine couple enjoys affectionate and playful joking pastimes. Her sweet transcendental singing eclipses the voices of the cuckoo. I pray that Visakha-devi may become pleased with me and accept me as her student.

TEXT 31

Filled with a great flood of love and decorating the ever-blossoming groves of Vrndavana with many fragrant flowers, Vrnda-devi creates a festive atmosphere for Sri Sri Radha-Krsna to enjoy transcendental pastimes with Their dear friends. Let me surrender to Vrnda-devi.

TEXT 32

Bringing Srimati Radharani to cook by the order of the queen of Vraja, and, as they both walked together on the path, pleasing Her by affectionately and continually narrating the latest news of Lord Krsna, charming Kundalata-devi, glowing with friendship and auspicious playfulness, became filled with happiness. I worship Kundalata-devi.

TEXT 33

Brought by the queen of Vraja to cook many palatable dishes, of her own accord affectionate Dhanistha-devi, using many clever tricks, happily arranged for Srimati Radharani to meet Her lover, Krsna, in the forest groves of Nandisvara Hill. I worship Dhanistha-devi, for whom her friend Radha is more dear than life.

TEXT 34

Her heart enchanted by repeatedly hearing the glories of the divine couple and longing to meet Them, Nandimukhi-devi left Avantipura and went to the land of Vraja, where she eternally increases the happiness of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna's splendid nectarean pastimes. I eternally offer my respectful obeisances to Nandimukhi-devi.

TEXT 35

Her waters filled with musk and saffron fallen from Sri Sri Radha-Krsna as They enjoy many nectar water-pastimes, the Yamuna River happily smiles at Them with her foam and splashes Them with the beautiful hands of her waves. I pray the Yamuna River may bring transcendental happiness to us.

TEXT 36

Moved by the appeal of supremely blissful Lord Krsna, the *gopis* spontaneously and angrily rebuke Srimati Radharani, who is more dearer to them than their own life's breath, and encourage Her to again enjoy pastimes with Krsna. Bowing my head I take shelter of

these dear friends of Srimati Radharani, who daily arranges for Her to enjoy transcendental pastimes with Lord Krsna.

TEXT 37

With great love, enthusiasm, and respect, Krsna's servants, who are much like His friends, serve Him in many ways and please Him by bringing the flute, *vina*, water, betel nuts, and other articles. I worship Krsna's servants, who have Patri as their leader.

TEXT 38

By offering Her betel nuts, by massaging Her feet, by bringing Her water, by arranging for Her secret meeting with Lord Krsna, and by performing many other services, many *gopi* maidservants affectionately please Sri Radha, the great queen of Vrndavana forest. Then the divine couple enjoy Their pastimes, these maidservants are not at all shy, even in the presence of the great *gopis* for whom Sri Radha is more dear than life. I take shelter of these *gopi* maidservants, who have Srimati Rupa-manjari as their leader.

TEXT 39

Considering the expanded ocean of their own happiness to be as insignificant as a blade of grass, and filled with pure love for Sri Krsna, the enemy of the Mura demon, the Lord's personal associates strive to make Him always happy. I worship these fortunate associates of Lord Krsna, the husband of the goddess of fortune.

TEXT 40

Let me worship the personal associates of Srimati Radharani. when Radharani becomes happy they are pleased. If for a moment they cannot see Radharani they become so distraught that they appear almost dead. They must have performed many pious activities in their previous births in order to attain this auspicious condition where they love Srimati Radharani more than their own lives.

TEXT 41

In order to increase the splendid and nectarean jealous love of Srimati Radharani, who sometimes becomes proud of Her own good fortune, Lord Krsna briefly enjoys pastimes with other *gopis*, who blossom with many amorous desires. Let us offer our respectful obeisances to these *gopis*, who must have performed many great pious activities in their previous births in order to play this role in the Lord's pastimes.

TEXT 42

Affectionately protected by Krsna, and their hearts rapt in meditation on the particles of dust falling from the tips of His handsome lotus toenails, the *gopas* experience a happiness greater than the happiness of many millions of universes. I worship these exalted *gopas*.

TEXT 43

Considering Him dearer than their own lives, out of intense parental love the elderly *gopis* worship even a drop of perspiration from Lord Krsna's lotus feet, and for a long time they kiss His head, decorated with handsome locks of hair. I worship the dust of these *gopi's* feet.

TEXT 44

The hooves of Sri Krsna's *surabhi* cows are decorated with sapphires, their horns are studded with gold, and their white cheeks have crippled the pride of the snow-capped mountain peaks. I pray these *surabhi* cows may protect us.

TEXT 45

In the company of Balarama and His other friends, and His own body splendidly covered with the dust raised by their hooves, the prince of Vraja daily enjoys a great festival of protecting and milking the cows. With great happiness He eagerly enjoys pastimes with them in the great forests and on the grand hills and riverbanks of Vraja. Let me worship these *surabhi* cows.

TEXT 46

All glories to Lord Krsna's pet bull Padmagandha, whose handsome horns are covered with gold and studded with jewels, whose hooves are splendidly decorated with sapphires, and whose splendid neck is decorated with a swinging garland of reddish flowers.

TEXT 47

Sometimes Lord Krsna feeds the calves, earnestly placing small bunches of tender fresh grass in their mouths, and sometimes He very carefully massages their limbs. I yearn to one day see these calves of Lord Krsna jumping and frolicking in Vrndavana.

TEXT 48

The fortunate flute deeply drinks the nectar of Lord Krsna's lips day and night. I offer my respectful obeisances to this flute, which, with its transcendental music, weakens the pride of Srimati Radharani.

TEXT 49

Neither the flattering cajoling words spoken by Krsna's *gopi* messengers nor the many hints, allegories, and joking instructions spoken by Krsna's cowherd friends nor Krsna's personally falling at Her feet and begging Her to forgive Him nor even the harsh criticisms spoken by Her intimate friends were able to rout the proud jealous anger residing in Srimati Radha's heart. Only Lord Krsna's flute, disdaining all previous useless attempts, was able to

very easily chase away that jealous anger. Let us glorify Lord Krsna's exalted and powerful friend, His flute.

TEXT 50

Pleased by the music of Lord Krsna's flute, the best of the peacocks performs a great festival of dancing in the forest by the shore of a lake. Gracefully moving his handsome tail, he delights the divine couple enjoying transcendental pastimes in the forest. Meditating on this, we ardently yearn to see that dancing king of peacocks.

TEXT 51

Full of love for the residents of Vraja and eager to protect them, Lord Krsna respectfully lifted Govardhana Hills for seven days with His graceful hand. The caves of Govardhana Hill are splendidly decorated with *kunkuma* particles left when Sri Sri Radha-Krsna enjoyed transcendental pastimes. May Govardhana Hill, which is studded with many beautiful jewels, protect you all.

TEXT 52

Filled with many *campaka* trees, beautiful young *asoka* trees, mango trees, *kesanagara* trees, *bakula* trees, *lavanga* creepers, and *madhavi* creepers, the area around Radha-kunda and Syama-kunda is very beautiful and pleasing to the heart, and it is the favourite pastime place of Sri Sri Radha-Krsna. Let me take shelter of these two lakes: Radha-kunda and Syama-kunda.

TEXT 53

The delightful forest of Vrndavana, beautiful Govardhana Hill, and the nectarean arena of the *rasa* dance, what to speak of other places, are not equal to even a single particle of one of the atoms of Radha-kunda and Syama-kunda. Let me take shelter of these two lakes, which are more dear to Lord Krsna than His own life's breath.

TEXT 54

By the shore of Radha-kunda is a grand pavilion made of gold, pearls, and precious gems. IN that pavilion, Sri Sri Radha and Krsna, considering everything else unimportant, enjoy transcendental pastimes as the two prime ministers of the deity of transcendental love, and They happily anoint that kingdom of love with the sandal paste of Their pastimes. I eternally worship this splendid grove by the shore of Radha-kunda.

TEXT 55

The divine couple is splendidly reflected on the shore of the lake of each other's heart. They are necklaces lovingly worn by each other. The creator Brahma has blessed Them with all good fortune. They are the resting place of all the opulences in the three worlds. When will I be able to directly worship the fair and dark divine couple?

TEXT 56

With restless sidelong glances, with movements of Their shoulders, with the nectar of gentle smiles, with kissing each other's nectar lips, and with firm embraces, the youthful divine couple affectionately fulfils each other's transcendental desires. Let us offer our respectful obeisances to Them, the two splendid monarchs of *ujjala-rasa*.

TEXT 57

In Their eyes is great length, in the corner of Their eyes crookedness, in Their chest and breasts largeness, in Their gentle words charming crookedness, in Their hips broadness, and in all Their limbs extraordinary intense sweetness. I eternally worship the youthful splendour Sri Sri Radha-Krsna.

TEXT 58

When the demon Arista was slain, a great lake named Arista-kunda, filled with nectar and surrounded by staircases, sprang from Lord Krsna's lotus foot. Because it is the favourite of Sri Radha, this lake embraces the name Radha-kunda. I eternally worship Radha-kunda.

TEXT 59

On the pretext of going to fetch clear water the lotus-eyed *gopis* again and again meet Lord Krsna with great happiness and love at Pavana-sarovara lake, which is filled with many *kadamba* trees and the pleasant humming sounds of many bees. May Pavana-sarovara lake protect us.

TEXT 60

Going to the shore of a certain lake, Parjanya Maharaja, who was to become Krsna's grandfather, fasted, performed austerities, and worshipped Lord Narayana in order to attain a worthy grandson. Partly for this reason Sri Krsna, who is the reservoir of all transcendental virtues and the lifter of Govardhana Hill, appeared as the son of Nanda, the king of Vraja, and the grandson of Parjanya Maharaja. The place where Parjanya Maharaja fasted is famous in this world as Ksunnahara-sarovara (the lake of fasting). I pray that I may take shelter of this sacred place.

TEXT 61

Ordered by Brahma, who spoke from the sky, Paurnamasi-devi crowned Srimati Radharani queen of the forest of Vrndavana, by jubilantly sprinkling the waters of the Manasa-ganga and other sacred rivers upon Her head in the company of Savitri-devi and the other delighted demigoddesses. I pray that sacred place, known as Unmatta-radha-sthali (the place where Srimati Radharani became overwhelmed with happiness) may sprinkle some transcendental happiness upon me.

TEXT 62

Joking and playing, Lord Krsna enjoyed many pastimes with His friends in a small stone pavilion built by expert architects on Nandisvara Hill. Let me take shelter of that pavilion, which is anointed with the transcendental fragrance of Lord Krsna's feet.

TEXT 63

As He was dancing with the intelligent, graceful, and splendidly beautiful *gopis*, Sri Krsna suddenly left their company and went with Srimati Radharani to a secluded place and lovingly decorated Her with many flower ornaments. The sweetness of this place astonishes the residents of all the three worlds. I pray that this sacred place, where Lord Krsna performed the *rasa* dance, may give me shelter.

TEXT 64

The Manasa-ganga River flows so swiftly on the side of Govardhana Hill that its waves push the splendid rocks lining its shore. I pray the Manasa-ganga River, where Sri Sri Gandharvika-Muravimardana (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna) enjoy jubilant boating pastimes, may give me shelter.

TEXT 65

All of Them decorated with the colourful mineral pigments found there, Lord Krsna and His affectionate friends enjoy pastimes in the hills of Vraja with a great festival of joking words. In the caves of those small hills, Lord Krsna also enjoys many pastimes with Srimati Radharani. Let me worship these, the best of all hills.

TEXT 66

While tending the cows in the summer season, Sri Krsna, the transcendental son of the king of the *gopas*, jubilantly enjoys water sports. Both sides eager for victory, He affectionately sprinkles His charming friends in the broad lakes and streams of Vraja. I eternally worship these transcendental lakes and streams.

TEXT 67

Hearing the sound of Srimati Radharani and Sri Krsna brilliantly playing duets on the *vina* and flute, the leaders of the deer community become stunned with transcendental happiness and stand still, the grass they were formerly chewing now half-falling from their mouths. I pray that those deer, who are full of love for the divine couple, may grant transcendental happiness to me.

TEXT 68

Their hearts pleased by the rising waves of *madhura-rasa*, the youthful divine couple enjoys transcendental pastimes in the beautiful groves of Vraja aromatic with many pleasant flowers and filled with many humming bees. Let us sweep these forest groves with our long hair.

TEXT 69

In the very cool and pleasant shade of the trees, on a throne glistening with fallen pollen and served by splendid bees carrying drops of honey, the youthful divine couple enjoy transcendental pastimes. I pray these trees may always protect me.

TEXT 70

As They pick flowers, the gently smiling lovers, Sri Sri Gandharva-Muravairi (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna), playfully quarrel. Seeing these eternally new and fresh transcendental pastimes, Their *gopi* friends begin to smile, and the creepers of Vraja, on the pretext of pushing forth new blossoms, also smile and laugh. May I serve these transcendental creepers with great love and devotion.

TEXT 71

Plunged into the nectar mellows of pure devotion, with very sweet singing the birds delight the nearby youthful divine couple in the land of Vraja. I pray that these birds, so dear to the divine couple, may delight me with their glance.

TEXT 72

By softly buzzing and gracefully wandering among the mango, *kadamba*, *bakula*, and other trees, as well as through the *madhavis* and other flowering vines, the bumblebees of Vraja delight the divine couple. Let us offer our respectful obeisances to these bees.

TEXT 73

Blossoming with happiness, the forest-king Krsna became completely captivated by the sidelong glances of the forest-queen Srimati Radharani, who was also blossoming with happiness as He decorated Her with many blossoming flowers from the king of *kadamba* trees. I pray that supremely opulent king of *kadamba* trees may appear before me and grant transcendental happiness to my eyes.

TEXT 74

Humbled by great fear, Indra, the king of the demigods, grasped Lord Krsna's lotus feet and, accompanied by a *surabhi* cow, performed the coronation festival of bathing them

with the water of the celestial Ganges. In this way Lord Krsna's kingship over the cows became splendidly manifest. I pray that Govinda-kunda, the lake created by that ceremonial bath, may eternally appear before my eyes.

TEXT 75

When Vraja's king offered a great quantity of foodstuff to Govardhana Hill, Krsna, the enemy of Aghasura, assumed a gigantic form, proclaimed that He was actually Govardhana Hill, invited everyone to ask boons from Him, and, fooling even Srimati Radharani, ate all the offered food. Let me take shelter of the *anna-kuta* festival, when Lord Krsna enjoyed these pastimes.

TEXT 76

Charming and handsome Lord Krsna enjoys transcendental pastimes on the summit of Govardhana Hill, the king of mountains. There He is splendidly manifest, eternally enjoying the pleasures of a transcendental king. With great love and devotion I worship Govardhana Hill, where Lord Krsna enjoys transcendental pastimes.

TEXT 77

One day Lord Krsna, the youthful king of amorous heroes, became eager at heart to enjoy the *dana-keli* pastime. Blocking the path, He forbade Srimati Radharani to pass, proclaimed Himself a toll collector appointed by the king of love, and demanded that She pay a toll of the milk products She was carrying. I sing the glories of Sri Krsna-vedi, the place where the Lord enjoyed these pastimes.

TEXT 78

Because Sri Krsna enjoyed the *dana-keli* pastime in a secluded place by the shore of this lake, it has become known as Dana-sarovara. The truth of this lake remains hidden to persons averse to the mellows of pure devotional service. Only the devotees have the power to understand it. I pray that I may reside at Dana-sarovara, the place where Lord Krsna enjoyed the *dana-keli* pastime.

TEXT 79

Siri-sarovara, Brahma-sarovara, Kadambakhanda-sarovara, Sumanah-sarovara, Rudra-sarovara, Apsarah-sarovara, Gaurika-sarovara, Jyotsnamoksana-sarovara, Malyahara-sarovara, Vibudhari-sarovara, Indradhvaja-sarovara, and many other beautiful lakes are splendidly manifested as so many other beautiful jewels in a circle around divine Govardhana Hill. Let me glorify these transcendental lakes.

TEXT 80

During the spring season the *gopis* move Sri Sri Gandharva-Giridhari (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna) on a swing. The faces of the divine couple blossom with happiness by tasting the nectar of these swing pastimes. I worship Govinda-sthala, the famous place where the divine couple enjoys these pastimes.

TEXT 81

When the Kaliya serpent offended His friends, for whom He is more dear than life, Lord Krsna punished him, dancing on him and kicking him with the soles of His feet. I worship Kaliya-hrada, the lake where Lord Krsna performed these pastimes.

TEXT 82

Once, accompanied by the *gopas*, *gopis*, and lowing *surabhi* cows, the supremely opulent, noble, and magnanimous Lord Krsna felt very uncomfortable in the winter cold. Twelve suns then appeared at that place, and with great devotion warmed the Lord with their intense shining. I eternally take shelter of this sacred place, which bears the name Dvadasasurya-tirtha (the place of the twelve suns).

TEXT 83

When the twelve suns shone from every direction, perspiration fell from Lord Krsna's transcendental body, and from this perspiration came a charming, splendid, clear lake bearing the sweet fragrance of the Lord's delicate, supremely handsome, and supremely opulent transcendental limbs. Bowing down, I worship this lake, known as Praskandhana-sarovara.

TEXT 84

Entering the clear waters of the Yamuna to prepare for the incomparable worship of goddess Katyayani, the girls of Vraja left their garments on the shore. Smiling and clever Krsna stole those garments, climbed a *kadamba* tree, embarrassed the girls by speaking many splendid joking words, and eventually returned the garments. I take shelter of Ciraghatta, where the Lord enjoyed these pastimes.

TEXT 85

With his maddening neighing Kesi made the three worlds tremble, and with the wild rolling of his eyes he set the entire universe in flames. Krsna killed this demon as easily as one splits a blade of grass and then washed the blood from His hands at a place now known as Kesi-tirtha. I worship that sacred place.

TEXT 86

The beautiful, wealthy, and learned wives of the *yajnika-brahmanas* voluntarily, happily, and devotedly fed Krsna, Balarama, and all their affectionate friends many varieties of the four kinds of foodstuff, each dish rebuking the taste of nectar. We bow down to offer our respects to the place where Lord Krsna enjoyed this pastime.

TEXT 87

Desiring to quickly attain the treasure of the embraces of Lord Krsna, the splendid and affectionate *gopis* devotedly and happily worshipped Lord Siva on the bank of the Yamuna. I daily worship Gopisvara-tirtha, where the *gopis* performed their worship.

TEXT 88

Seeing Her father worship Suryadeva out of fear of the nearby Kamsa, Srimati Radharani, in the secluded place known as Santanupada, also earnestly worshipped Suryadeva to attain a certain youth, whose complexion is as dark as a host of monsoon clouds, as Her chosen husband. I pray that Suryadeva may protect us.

TEXT 89

During the great festival of Lord Krsna's birth, the king of Vraja respectfully gave to the *brahmanas* a mountain of glittering jewel ornaments, an even greater mountain of grains, and 200,00 young cows, all beautifully decorated with gold and necklaces of large pearls. I offer my respectful obeisances to Mahavana, the place where the king gave this charity.

TEXT 90

In the city of Mukhyeravali the precious jewel known as Srimati Radharani took birth in the mine of Kirtida-devi's womb, which is glorified by jubilant demigods, sages, and human beings. I pray that when I enter King Vrsabhanu's capitol city of Mukhyeravali-pura, populated with many *gopas*, *gopis*, and *surabhi* cows, I may become drowned in a great flood of transcendental bliss and love.

TEXT 91

Although for Her own happiness She yearns to place Lord Krsna's handsome and delicate lotus feet on Her breasts, Srimati Radharani is reluctant to do so, fearing that, even though Her body is very delicate, Her breasts are very hard. I pray that Lord Krsna, who also places His lotus feet on the hoods of Ananta Sesa, will permit me to reside in His land of Vraja.

TEXT 92

Let me worship the forest of Kamyavana. It is very dear to Sri Sri Radha-Krsna, and it contains the Kama-sarovara lake, where the *gopis* enjoy many transcendental pastimes.

TEXT 93

In the forest of Bandiravana, my beautiful queen, proud Sri Radha, started a wrestling competition among Her closest friends. When She eagerly wrestled with Lord Krsna, She brought great happiness to the god of love. Let me worship that forest of Bandiravana.

TEXT 94

When the Yamuna River would not come according to His order, angry Lord Balarama began to drag it toward the ocean with the edge of His plow. I devotedly offer my respects to wonderful Rama-ghatta, where even today all men may see the marks where Balarama began to drag the Yamuna.

TEXT 95

Seeing His friends, for whom He is more dear than life, enter the sinful Aghasura's belly, which burned with a great forest fire of the most violent poison, Lord Krsna also entered the demon, killed it, and rescued His friends. I pray that Sarpasthali, the place where the Lord enjoyed these pastimes, may protect me.

TEXT 96

When, eager to see his master's glory, the creator Brahma stole the cowherd boys and calves, Lord Krsna pleased the mothers of the boys and calves by assuming the forms of their sons. I worship Vatsaharasthali, where the Lord enjoyed this pastime.

TEXT 97

Afraid that he had committed a grave offense by stealing the cowherd boys and calves, Brahma fell down on the ground, and, with tears in his eyes, spoke many wonderful and unprecedented prayers glorifying gently smiling Krsna, who is both the giver of liberation and the wonderful cowherd son of the king of Vraja. Let us glorify this sacred place, Sesabhirucaturmukha, where frightened Brahma offered prayers to the Lord.

TEXT 98

Filled with many large lakes, hills, and rivers, with many desire trees and desire creepers, and with many flowers invaded by a great army of bumblebees intoxicated by the sweet aroma, the twelve forests of Vrndavana are splendidly beautiful. I bow down to offer my respects at every moment to these twelve forests, which are very dear to Lord Krsna.

TEXT 99

Leaving behind Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, which are millions of times more dear to him than his own life's breath, Uddhava, eternally filled with the nectar of pure devotional love, happily stayed in Vraja for ten months. Moment by moment he brought the residents of Vraja back to life by describing Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes. He said to them, "Look! Kṛṣṇa has returned!" I carry Uddhava's feet upon my head.

TEXT 100

With great humbleness let me offer my respectful obeisances to the supremely pious dear devotees of the Lord who reside in Vraja. Even though Brahma is a great demigod entrusted with many weighty duties, he sincerely yearns to take birth among the bushes and blades of grass in Vraja.

TEXT 101

Because of having previously worshipped the beautiful lotus feet of Sri Sri Gandharva-Acyuta (Sri Sri Radha-Kṛṣṇa) with the eternally fresh sweetness of pure transcendental love, some great souls are able to reside on the shore of Queen Radha's favourite lake (Radha-kunda). These great devotees are my life and soul.

TEXT 102

The grass, bushes, insects and other creatures in Vraja are all very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa. They assist the Lord in His pastimes. They are full of transcendental bliss. Again and again the scriptures recount the earnest request of Brahma and others to reside in Vraja. For these reasons I bow down to offer my respects to all the creatures who reside in Vraja.

TEXT 103

When, aimlessly wondering around Govardhana Hill, madly calling out "O Radha! O Kṛṣṇa!" again and again, stumbling as I walk, will I sprinkle the place of the Lord's pastimes with tears from my eyes?

TEXT 104

Neither Brahma, Narada, Siva, or the great devotees filled with pure love of Kṛṣṇa are able to properly or completely understand the sweetness of the land of Vraja. Only Lord Balarama and His mother Rohini, who are both filled with transcendental love, are able to understand the land of Vraja. How is it possible for me to describe the land of Vraja?

TEXT 105

Even if I have the opportunity to bathe in the nectarean ocean of pure love of Kṛṣṇa, and even if I have the pure devotees of the infallible Supreme Personality of Godhead as my associates, I will not consent to live, even for a single moment, in any sacred place other than Vrajabhumi. Even if the residents of Vraja appear to be ordinary, and even if they fill

my ears with useless gossip, I pray that I may remain among them, eternally residing here in Vraja.

TEXT 106

The two feet of Srimati Rupa-manjari, who is full of love for Lord Krsna, and who expertly worships Srimati Radharani, are the only goal of my life.

TEXT 107

These verses, which bear the title *Vraja-vilasa-stava*, are very graceful and beautiful, filled with the splendid and charming sweetness of the residents of Vraja. They who regularly read these verses with great respect and greedy enthusiasm will be able to directly see the divine couple surrounded by Their associates in this land of Vraja.